

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 17 and 20 have been amended.

Claims 1 (currently amended) An identification and security system for displaying ownership identification information on a display of an electronic device, comprising:

an information mechanism that displays the ownership identification information on the display of the electronic device when selected; and

a security module that provides protected access to data stored on the electronic device when the information mechanism is activated; and

a communications device configured to trace the electronic device if an attempt is made to improperly access secure data or initiate Internet services on the electronic device.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The identification and security system of claim 1, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein the communications device is coupled to a worldwide network for accessing a global database.

Claim 3 (original) The identification and security system of claim 2, wherein the global database stores, retrieves and updates ownership identification information for each registered user of the identification and security system.

Claim 4 (original) The identification and security system of claim 3, wherein the global database stores a unique serial number of the electronic device along

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with the ownership identification information so that each owner's identification information is associated with each unique serial number.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The identification and security system of claim 4, wherein the global database includes a ~~tracer to locate a lost or stolen~~ history of activity of the electronic device if the lost or stolen device ~~communicates with an affiliated Internet service provider.~~

Claim 6 (original) The identification and security system of claim 1, wherein the ownership identification information includes at least one of instructions for returning the electronic device or information relating to the owner.

Claim 7(original) The identification and security system of claim 6, wherein the ownership identification information relating to the owner includes at least one of the owner's name, contact telephone number, return address or Internet World Wide Web site.

Claim 8 (original) The identification and security system of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a portable computer.

Claim 9 (original) The identification and security system of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a personal data assistant.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A method for providing ownership identification information of lost electronic devices, comprising:
displaying the ownership identification information on the display of the electronic device when selecting an information mechanism;
providing protected access to data stored on the electronic device when the information mechanism is activated; and

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storing, retrieving and updating the ownership identification information on a global database; and
tracing the electronic device with an Internet communications device if an attempt is made to improperly access secure data or initiate Internet services on the electronic device.

Claim 11 (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the global database stores a unique serial number of the electronic device along with ownership identification information so that each owner's identification information is associated with each unique serial number.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising storing tracing lost or stolen history activity of the electronic device ~~if the lost or stolen device communicates with an affiliated Internet service provider.~~

Claim 13 (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the ownership identification information includes at least one of instructions for returning the electronic device or information relating to the owner.

Claim 14 (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the information relating to the owner includes at least one of the owner's name, contact telephone number, return address or Internet World Wide Web site.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the electronic device is a portable computer.

Claim 16 (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the electronic device is a personal data assistant.

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Claim 17 (currently amended) An identification and security system for displaying ownership identification information on a display of an electronic device, comprising an information button easily accessible for providing the ownership identification information on the display of the electronic device when selected and a communications device configured to trace the electronic device if an attempt is made to improperly access secure data or initiate Internet services on the electronic device.

Claim 18 (original) The identification and security system of claim 17, further comprising a security module that provides protected access to data stored on the electronic device when the information button is activated and a communications device coupled to a network for accessing a global database, wherein the global database stores, retrieves and updates ownership identification information for each registered user of the identification and security system.

Claim 19 (original) The identification and security system of claim 18, wherein the global database stores a unique serial number of the electronic device along with the ownership identification information so that each owner's identification information is associated with each unique serial number.

Claim 20 (currently amended) The identification and security system of claim 19, wherein the global database includes a ~~tracer to locate a lost or stolen~~ history of activity of the electronic device if the lost or stolen device ~~communicates with an affiliated Internet service provider.~~